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MEMORANDUM FOR : George L. Cary  
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SUBJECT : H.R. 14135, "To establish a National  
Resource Information System, and  
for other purposes."

1. This is only one of several bills on this subject that we have been following; some have focused on the narrower problem of energy information. I believe the broader "resource" approach is needed but find the "national" definition both misleading and narrow. The resource problem is decidedly "international".

2. I have no problem with the classification categories. The Section 209 provision would be a useful precedent for a "secrecy act" to back up the DCI. The automatic release clause under Section 208 could pose problems if CIA information were to be contributed to this "library". A leak by Interior could, I assume, pose the problem of releasing CIA  reports.

3. If this is really a library for information on national, i.e. domestic, information we have no real stake in it. In this limited framework, the proposed agency does not really take care of current data problems in the energy field.

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